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Westly Urges Governor to Sign Marriage Equality Bill

SACRAMENTO – State Controller Steve Westly today issued the following statement after the California State Senate passed **AB 849** by Assemblymember Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), legislation that defines marriage between “two people” rather than just between a man and a woman.

“I congratulate the California State Assembly and Senate for being the first Legislature in the country to pass a marriage equality bill. This issue is solely about respect and equality—nothing else.

“I have always stood by the GLBT community, supporting domestic partner rights and leading the way on my boards and commissions to ensure GLBT couples have the same protections as married couples. If I had the power, I would immediately sign this bill. I urge Governor Schwarzenegger to do the right thing: sign this bill.”

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